

CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

Meeting Highlights

July 11, 2000

Location

N.J. Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville

Attendees

See attached attendance list.

Highlights Summary

Public Hearing Recommendations

- MTBE
- Unregulated Compounds
 - For discussion at 7/21/00 meeting of the three councils.
 - Need a timely response to deal with the problem quickly.
 - Insert the word “timely” and responsible manner.
 - A group should be put together to look at the contaminants and get the word out to the public quickly in order to prevent health problems.
 - Unsure of where contaminants are coming from (landfills); unsure as to whether there is an air or water problem in Toms River.
 - Is there a link to landfills?
- Water Quality and Watershed Management Rules
 - Add “to the extent that we have reviewed” in first sentence.
 - What are the objections of the environmental groups?
 - grandfathering 300 mgd in additional sewage
 - grandfathering 300-400 acres for development within approved sewer service
 - loopholes in environmental analysis; no standards
 - Change “recommendation” to “recommend”.
- Change first sentence of the draft letter to Commissioner Shinn to read “The CWC offers the following two recommendations. In addition, the Council wishes to convey its recommendation concerning the proposed Water Quality and Watershed Management Rules.
- Recommendations approved by the Council 6-1.

Follow-up Action

- One letter of recommendation will be sent to Commissioner Shinn.
- Invite the Commissioner to attend the September 12th CWC Meeting.
- Send a copy of the recommendation to the hearing attendees.

CWC Web Page

- DEP staff are available to work on the web page.
- We would like some members of the Council to meet with them to discuss what information they would like to see on their web page.
- Anticipated date for completion is September.

Follow-up Action

- Pat Matarazzo and Tony McCracken will meet with DEP staff to discuss design of the web page.

Watershed Awards Program

- CWC member needed to serve as judge.
- Nominations are due September 8th.
- Judging to be completed by September.
- Anticipate giving out the first awards at the League of Municipalities Conference in November.

Follow-up Action

- Bill Ring will follow-up with Rich Tompkins to see if he would like to participate as a judge. If he does not, Lou Neely will participate.

Joint Meeting of the Councils

- The Clean Water Council, Clean Air Council, Water Supply Advisory Council and the Drinking Water Institute have expressed an interest in discussing cross issues.
- There will be five to six representatives from each council at the meeting.
- The purpose is to identify issues that cross the councils.
- Prioritize these issues and decide which issues the group would like to focus on.
- Representatives from the Clean Water Council will be: Pat Matarazzo, Rich Tompkins, Lou Neely, Paul Webber, Robert Brabston and Ella Filippone.

Follow-up Action

- Erin Indelicato will provide a copy of the consumer confidence reports from the Drinking Water Institute so that everyone can look at the standards.

- Agenda will be mailed by July 14th. Agenda will also be available on the Clean Air Council's web page.

CWC's Fall Hearing

- Hearing to be held in October/November.
- Do we want to see if any of the other councils want to join us in this hearing? A discussion item for the July 21st joint meeting of the councils. The Council will wait to see how that meeting goes before they ask the other councils to participate in the hearing.
- A list of topics needs to be developed.
- Time of the hearing needs to be established: morning or evening.
- Hold a separate meeting in August to discuss topics for the hearing.
- Establish a committee to develop the issues for the hearing. Tony McCracken, Barry Sullivan, Pat Matarazzo and Pam Goodwin will form committee.
- The hearing committee will meet on August 8th at 9:30 at the Infrastructure Trust. There will not be a CWC/Subcommittee meeting on that date.
- Topics for the hearing include:
 - Stormwater Utility
 - Ask someone from another state who is involved in stormwater utility to speak at the hearing.
 - Environmental Stewardship Grants
 - What is being done with the money?
 - Provide a report on what has been done with the money.
- The Council needs to choose a date for the hearing and start to announce the hearing and get people involved.
- It was suggested that a night meeting possibly from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. would be a better time period to hold the hearing.
- Goals for the hearing:
 - Get people to attend
 - Date selection
 - Location with convenient parking
 - Effective mailing process
 - Ensure the hearing has substance
 - Time of hearing

Follow-up Action

- The hearing committee will meet on August 8th at 9:30 at the Infrastructure Trust.
- Submit ideas to Erin Indelicato and she will put together the agenda for the August 8th meeting.

Bob Brabston

Bob represents the BPU. He is attending the Clean Water Council meetings to get a handle on what is going on to limit the costs of water supply.

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Whippany Presentation

Sabine von Aulock from the Morris County Planning Board provided the Subcommittee with a presentation on the Whippany River Watershed Pilot Project. Copies of Sabine's presentation are attached.

NPS/TMDL Issues

- Stormwater Utility Concept
 - Designated for NPS in New Jersey.
 - Lacking enough 319h money.
 - Another funding source needs to be identified.
- Develop six or seven issues we water to propose to the Department.
- Develop statewide framework so that all TMDL work will be consistent.
- What are the standards and how do they factor into TMDLs?
- U.S. Congress passed bill with a rider which prohibits EPA from spending money on the TMDL rule for one year.

CWC Hearing Topics

- Watershed Management – All watershed management areas will be up and running by October.
- Stormwater Utilities – We should wait for the report on Stormwater Utilities before we hold a hearing on it. We need to know what we are talking about before we hold a hearing.
- What does the public want? Educate the public. Get the public involved.
- By October all the PACs will be put together. We can ask them to provide a summary on the watershed process.

- NPS Pollution – Who pays?
- How does the Water Supply Master Plan fit into watershed management?

The August 8th meeting of the Council/Subcommittee has been cancelled. The Hearing Committee will use this date for their first meeting.

The next CWC/Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 9:30. DEP Commissioner Shinn will be attending that meeting to discuss the Council's recommendations presented to him.